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In re application of:

Bruchez et al.

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methods of preparation and use thereof

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

This response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2007 is being submitted on or before the one-month extended period for response of May 30, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and include the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). Applicants include a request for continued examination (RCE) herewith.

In the event that additional extensions of time are required, Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Furthermore, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment associated with this or any other filing to Deposit Account No. **13-3900**. This is not an authorization to pay the issue fee.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Office Action in view of the following:

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.